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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC G03G15/00, B65G43/00			
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 pages 1-35 _____ as originally filed/furnished
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 nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims 1-17 YES

Claims _____ NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims 1-17 YES

Claims _____ NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims 1-17 YES

Claims _____ NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

1. This report refers to the following document:

D1: EP-A-0 714 161 (XEROX CORP), 29 May 1996
 (1996-05-29)

2. INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

2.1 Document D1, which is considered to be the closest prior art, discloses (the references in parentheses are to D1) a method and an arrangement for controlling the speed of an endless belt (10). The endless belt (10) is guided by at least two rolls (150, 154) at a pre-set speed, driven by at least one of the rolls (150). The subject matter of independent claim 1 differs in that the roll itself is driven at a pre-set speed, and in that a braking force is applied directly to the endless belt, the braking force being controlled so as to produce a substantially constant slip against the drive roll, at least during the operating phases, as a result of which the endless belt is moved at a second speed.

The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

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2.2 The problem addressed by the present invention can thus be seen as that of how to ensure a constant belt speed even under several different load conditions.

The solution proposed in claim 1 of the application involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)) because the claimed combination of features is neither known from nor suggested by the prior art.

2.3 Claims 2 to 16 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore also meet the PCT requirements in respect of novelty and inventive step.

5. INDEPENDENT CLAIM 17

The subject matter of claim 17 is novel (PCT Article 33(2)) and involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)) for the reasons specified in point 2 above.